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To: Tip

Subject: Resume Old Routes

My suggestion for transportation improvement would be to resume some old bus runs. My neighbors used to take a bus from Central Avenue in Edgebrook all the way to Michigan Avenue and Erie Street. The bus began farther north, and was an express bus that had only three stops, with the one on Central Avenue being the last. It was dropped many years ago because of *supposed* low ridership. Actually, the bus always was filled and had a large number of people standing. They did not mind standing because the service was so good. Now, for me to use public transportation I must take a bus on Central and Peterson Avenues to the Jefferson Park el. Then, I walk to work. The entire commute takes a minimum of one hour and 45 minutes, so I drive. If I drive, the entire trip--including walking--is a half hour. It can take up to 45 minutes during snowstorms or bad traffic. I would be thrilled to take the bus, if there was one near me. The Devon Avenue bus route near my home has been canceled too. More people would take the bus if old routes were resumed.

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